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sunk or cut square; they are deeply indented in the middle, and decrease in depth to the surface; at the ends they appear, therefore, like marks or scratches made with a nail or some pointed instrument, when the rock was in a soft state; for instance, like a gash made in the dough of a loaf, and when baked, this gash would become an angular furrow.

"The people of the neighbourhood do not speak Irish, and that renders it difficult to obtain from them any thing like satisfactory evidence upon the subject, but M'Cann says that many people have come (even from England) to examine this rock: he also recollects a preacher, named M'Quig, who examined it between twenty and thirty years ago, and who said he could understand parts of it, and that an account of it would be found in O'Halloran's History. He also says that it is mentioned in a book published about seven years ago—a book about which there were many law-suits. (This must be Lewis's Topographical Dictionary.)*

"The people have a saying, that great troubles are to come, and that the finishing battle is to be fought in the adjoining valley, and the ratification or settlement will be signed upon this rock."

DONATIONS.

Two ancient Iron Swords and a Spear Head, found near Kilmainham. Presented by the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railroad.

Rubbings from an inscribed Stone, with Characters, supposed to have been Ogham, at Drumlish, near Granard. [Engraved to accompany the foregoing description.] *Also a Lithograph of a ruined Temple in Malta.* Presented by Colonel H. D. Jones, C. E.

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* It is not mentioned under *Drumlish*, in Lewis's Typogr. Dictionary.

December 8, 1845.

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

The President made a communication on some new applications of Quaternions.—See *Appendix*, No. V.

DONATIONS.

Registrum Prioratus Omnium Sanctorum juxta Dublin. Edited, for the Irish Archæological Society, by the Rev. Richard Butler. Presented by the Society.

Transactions of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland. Vol. I. Presented by the Secretary, Thomas Oldham, Esq.

Memoires de l'Academie Imperiale des Sciences de St. Petersbourg. 6me serie, viz.: *Science Naturelles.* Tome IVme, 6me Livraison. *Divers Savans.* Tome IVme, ôme Livraison. *Recueil des Actes de la Seance Publique de l'Academie Imperiale des Sciences de St. Petersbourg; tenue le* 29 *Dec.* 1844; *et Science Politique.* Tome V., Livr. 5. Presented by the Academy.

Memorie de la Reale Academia delle Scienze di Torino. Tome XXXIX. (1836). Presented by the Academy.

Proceedings of the Geological Society of London. Vol. IV. Part 3, No. 104. Presented by the Society.

Flora Batava. Nos. 137, 138. Presented by the King of Holland.

Several Iron Swords, and other Weapons, found near Kilmainham. Presented by the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railroad.

A large Collection of Iron Swords, Bosses of Shields, Spears, and other Weapons, some Fibulæ made of Bronze and Silver, all found in the Cuttings of the Great Southern and Western Railroad, near Kilmainham. Presented by Colonel Napier, Deputy Adjutant-General.